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American's release disclosed

From wire dispatches

The Rev. Benjamin Weir is free after being kidnapped 16 months ago in Lebanon but President Reagan said yesterday that he will not be satisfied until six other Americans are released.

Mr. Weir was released to U.S. authorities in Beirut Saturday but an announcement was withheld until it could be determined whether the release of the other Americans might be obtained.

"We were trying to keep it so quiet because we don't want to do anything that endangers the chances of the other six," Reagan said at the conclusion of a speech in Concord, N.H., promoting his tax reform proposal.

White House spokesman Edward Djerejian, in a briefing after the speech, said it became apparent Tuesday night that no more releases were imminent.

The first report of Mr. Weir's



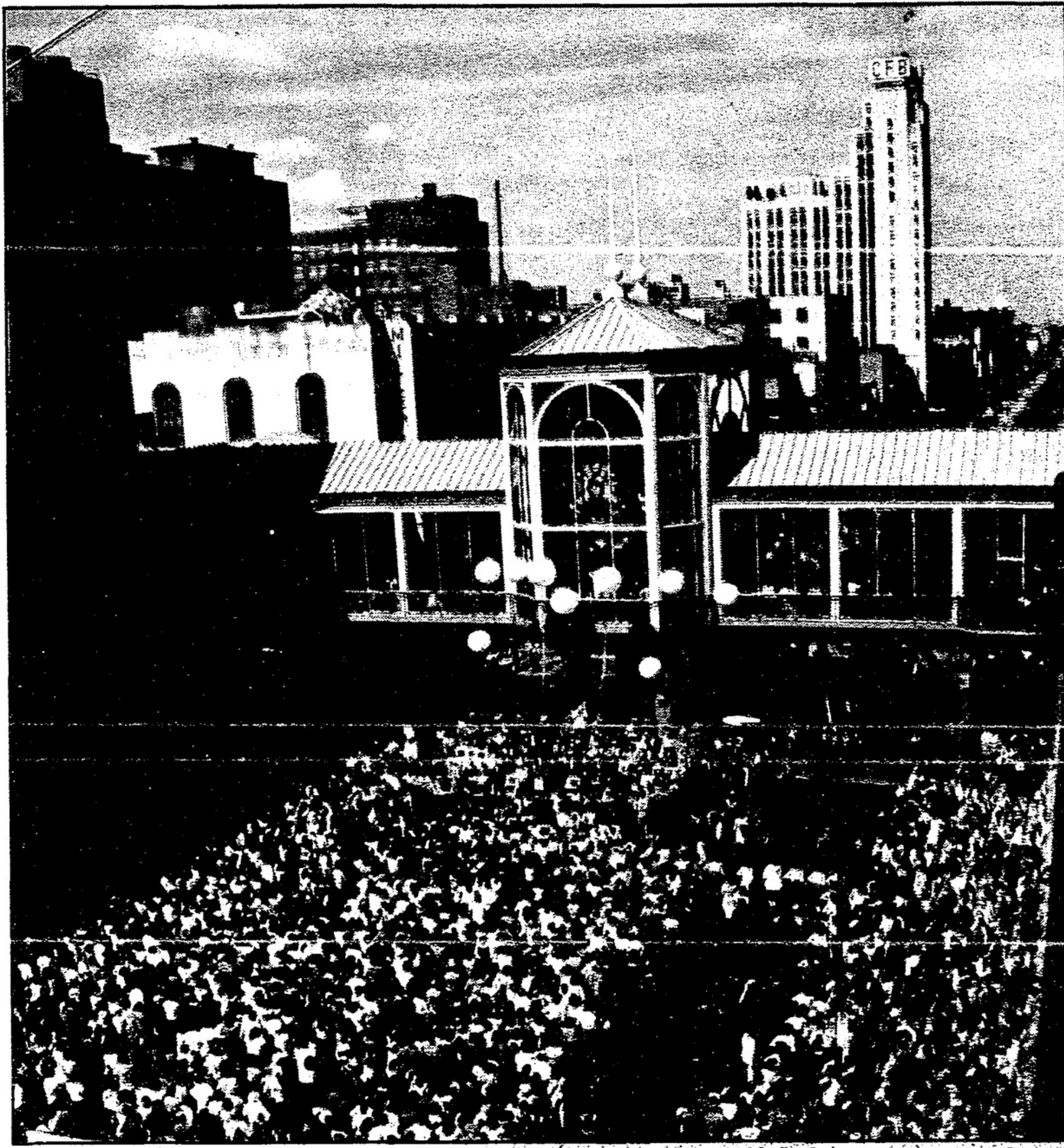
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The Rev. Benjamin Weir
News conference today

being freed was made Sunday in an anonymous telephone call to the Reuters news agency and the Presbyterian Church announced early yesterday that he had been freed. Soon afterward, Reagan supplied the confirmation that Mr. Weir was "back in America, safe

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6th Street Marketplace doors open with day full of festivities



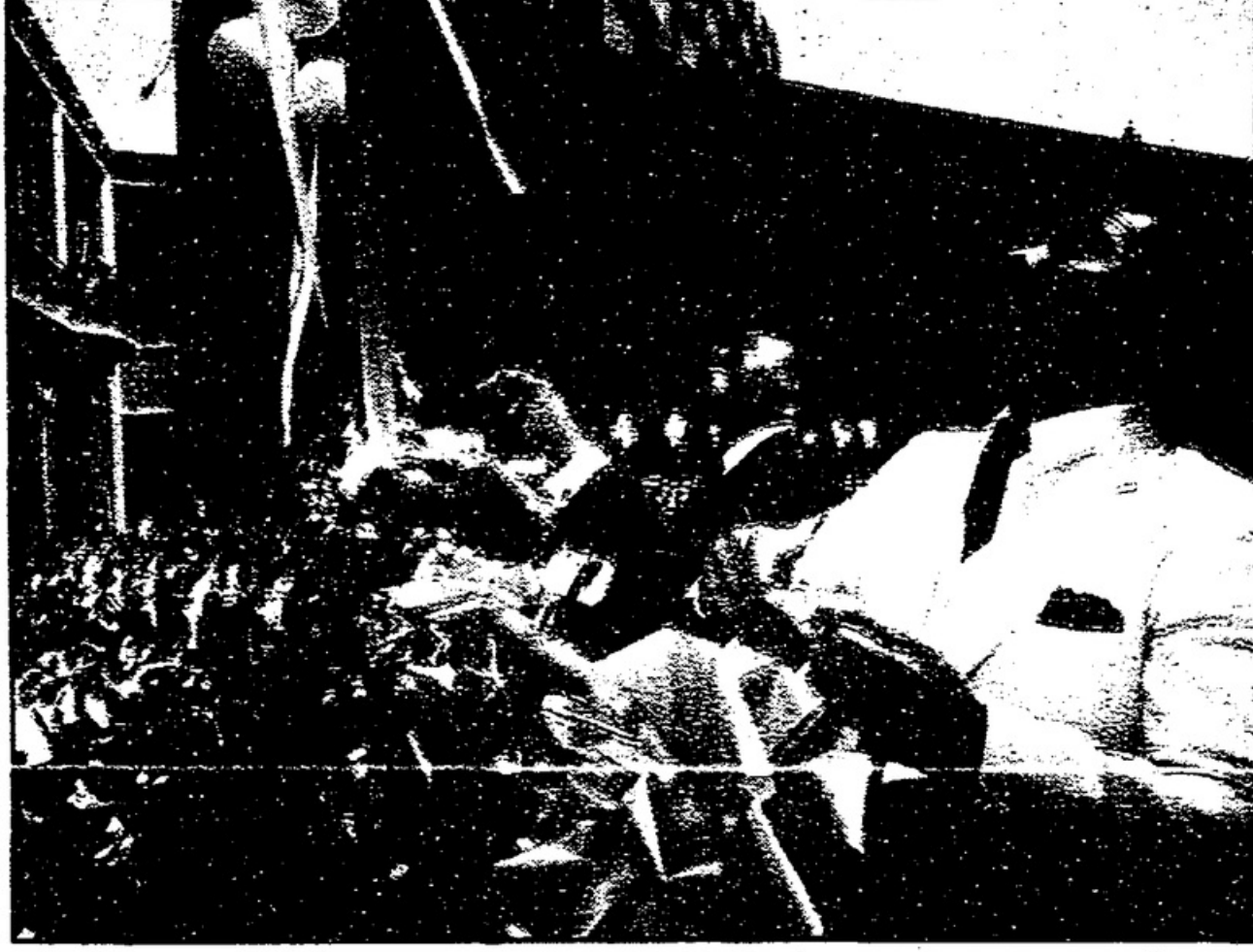
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Crowd moved in behind parade to fill the 600 block of East Broad Street



Staff photo by Bruce Parker

After opening, public got its first look at Marketplace



Media General photo by Amir Pishdad

Nine ribbon cutters released helium balloons at opening

By Tom Campbell
Times-Dispatch staff writer

Bands played, balloons soared, fireworks banged and politicians and business leaders glowingly praised Richmond's future yesterday as several thousand people attended the noontime grand opening of the 6th Street Marketplace.

Thousands also watched the 50-unit parade that moved along a 12-block route to the bridge over Broad Street. The bridge symbolizes the coalition of black and white business and political leaders who came together in the \$24.5 million Marketplace project.

The day ended with a concert by the 80th Division Army Band in the Festival Park at the north end of the Marketplace, and a spectacular fireworks display about 9:45 p.m.

"Today, Richmond has the exhilaration of watching a dream turn into a reality," said T. Justin Moore Jr., chairman of Richmond Renaissance Inc. "What a dream and what a reality this 6th Street Marketplace is."

"It could only happen in a city where good will and cooperation exist between all people and all races. And, thank God, Richmond is such a city."

City Manager Manuel Deese said, "We can be assured that this event will be remembered as a shining achievement for decades to come. Today's opening of the 6th Street Marketplace is a thrilling culmination of years of hard work."

Immediately after the ribbon cutting, which released nine large white balloons into the sky, thousands crowded into the Marketplace for the public's first close look.

People, shoulder to shoulder and back to belly, trying to walk in two opposing directions through the Marketplace created a sort of gridlock traffic jam on the bridge over Broad Street and no one could move for minutes at a time.

By 1:30 p.m. or so, as downtown
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Senate tempers plan to admit seasonal workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted yesterday for an immigration-bill amendment that could phase out, within 33 months of enactment, a program to admit up to 350,000 foreign farm laborers into the country.

But a scheduled vote on the entire bill was delayed until at least today, after senators became mired in debate over a Social Security amendment that Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., sought to attach to the legislation.

The unrelated, non-binding provision would put the Senate on record in favor of removing the Social Security trust fund from the unified budget to allay fears it might be affected by budget deficit-cutting efforts.

The foreign laborers proposal by Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., ignited the third debate in a week on the need for the farmhands, and nullified some of the gains made Tuesday by growers of perishable crops.

In the Tuesday vote, an amendment to admit the foreigners passed without any provision to end the program if it didn't work.

Simon and his backers argued that the foreigners would take jobs from Americans, while Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., said on behalf of the growers that U.S. workers would not take the jobs, now held by undocumented workers.

First, the Senate voted 55-41 to defeat a motion by Wilson to table, or

kill, Simon's phaseout proposal. The amendment then was approved by voice vote.

Simon's measure would permit Congress to end the foreign workers program within 33 months after the bill became law.

The overall legislation attempts to stop the influx of illegal immigrants, primarily by imposing fines against employers who knowingly hire them.

In addition to penalties of up to \$10,000 per illegal worker, the bill would provide an additional \$16.7 million in enforcement funds over a two-year period, mostly to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The measure would grant amnesty within three years to illegal aliens who arrived in the country before Jan. 1, 1980, and provide up to \$3 billion over six years to reimburse states for social services to those who are legalized.

The immigration agency estimated that more than 2 million aliens would gain amnesty under the bill.

The amendment favored by growers of perishable fruits and vegetables would allow up to 350,000 foreign field hands in the country at one time, to pick the crops when they ripen.

The foreign workers, who would be allowed to stay for up to nine months, would legally replace illegal aliens on

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Soviet bid for U.S. technology outlined

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WASHINGTON — A report made public by the Defense Department yesterday says the Soviet Union, working from a checklist of Western technology, has been systematically stealing or obtaining thousands of documents and components each year to build up its own military industries.

The report is based in large part on internal Soviet documents assessing the success of a program for obtaining Western research and manufacturing secrets from contractors, universities and government agencies.

It includes lists of top priority targets and examples of technology already used to advance the quality of Soviet weaponry.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, in

making public the 34-page report at a news conference, said:

"It is really, I think it is fair to say, a far more serious problem than we have previously realized. By their own estimate, more than 5,000 Soviet military research projects each year are benefiting significantly from Western acquired technology."

An assistant secretary of defense, Richard N. Perle, denied that the release of the study was timed to influence the climate surrounding the arms talks resuming today in Geneva, Switzerland, or the meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, scheduled for Nov. 19 and 20.

The report says the items were stolen by spies, purchased by dummy trading companies, or in

many cases obtained legally from government agencies.

Perle said he believed the report was a strong argument for the Western countries to reduce the number of Russians they allow to visit. He said many of them were collecting military technology in the guise of trade representatives, scientists or journalists.

The report was compiled by a 22-member Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee headed by the CIA and including representatives of other intelligence agencies and government departments, such as the Customs Service and the Commerce Department, involved in technology transfer.

Experts said part of the information in the report

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Soviet-U.S. role sought in global trouble spots

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says he hopes to convince Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Geneva, Switzerland, that their nations together could "intervene in some of the regional difficulties and some of the minor wars" around the globe to help bring peace.

"There may be times in which the two of us, as the two biggest powers, can have an influence to keep peace in the world," the president said in an interview televised last night.

"I believe that all of this is possible," the president said. "I believe it's probable and, my hope and dream is, we're going to start that process, really, in Geneva, in November."

Although he talked about joint intervention with the Soviets in trouble spots, Reagan did not suggest he was talking about military intervention.

Reagan seemed to be expanding on a suggestion he made a year ago at

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Study: 28% of young try cocaine

From wire dispatches

WASHINGTON — More than one of every four young adults has at least tried cocaine, which has emerged as a major public health threat, a top federal health official said yesterday.

Dr. Donald Ian MacDonald, head of the federal Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration, said cocaine, "is one of the most powerfully addictive drugs known."

"For years, people thought cocaine was harmless — a so-called 'recreational drug,'" Dr. MacDonald said. "Now, we know the truth: Cocaine can be a killer. Emergency room admissions associated with cocaine use tripled between 1981 and 1984. The number of deaths associated with cocaine also tripled."

Among young adults aged 18 to 25, 28 percent have tried cocaine, Dr. MacDonald said. And an estimated 60,000 12- and 13-year-olds have tried the drug, he said.

In one of a series of drug

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Farmer's reattached arm removed

By John Witt
Times-Dispatch state staff

NORFOLK — A man who lost his right arm in a farm accident and had it reattached more than two weeks later using a surgical procedure never before tried in the United States has lost it again to infection.

Johnnie Wayne Hedgepeth, 44, was in stable condition last night at Norfolk General Hospital following the amputation of his arm five inches below the shoulder on Tuesday.

"He had an infection in his arm. It was something we hoped wouldn't happen, but it wasn't a surprise," said Dr. David Gilbert, a plastic surgeon who led a team of four doctors in the 90-minute procedure.

Hedgepeth's wife, Judy, said that after the operation "he talked to me some and he wanted to know if he had his arm. I said no and explained it to him. He took it well. ... He gets a little emotional; that's to be expected."

Mrs. Hedgepeth said neither she nor her husband regret giving the doctors permission to attempt the novel reattachment procedure that involved strapping the severed arm across his chest and attaching it to an artery to keep it healthy for 17 days while surgeons cleaned the wound

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the mid-50s. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny with the high in the mid to upper 80s. Data, page A-2.

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